

—Miss Anna Wallace has formed a music class at this place.

—Mr. Wiley, of Tucker County, a real estate dealer, is stopping in Marlinton for the time being.

—The postoffice crossed the bridge last Friday, and is now found in the Cunningham building, next door to the Times office.

—Mr. Roland Price, of Jane Lew, W. Va., brought nine horses to Pocahontas, this week, to trade or sell. Billy Mann is now working with Mr. Price.

—Now is the time to provide yourself with a good overcoat and a heavy all-around suit of clothes, at rockbottom prices while S. W. Holt is clearing out his winter stock.

—According to reports, the rainfall of 1894 was only 30 inches in this part of the country, which has an annual average rainfall of 40 inches. For eighteen months before January 1, 1895, the rainfall was in this proportion.

—At the foot of every mountain on the roads a big lot of trees may be seen, often heaped into a sort of wind-break. At first glance the traveler may wonder where these trees come from. When he sees every sled coming down the mountain has a tree attached as a drag, the mystery is explained.

—The route traveled in going from the county-seat of Pocahontas to the county-seat of Webster, adjoining counties, is equivalent to traveling the two long sides of a triangle. This means that there is a lot of undeveloped country in this triangle. We refer to the wagon road in this article.

—A maiden lady in one of our large cities stepped on the track of a trolley line. She feared that she had received an electric shock, and asked the conductor of a car whether it would hurt her. He said not unless she would put her other foot on the wire over the car and complete the circuit. The lady was shocked.

—The town has presented a very animated appearance the past few days, so many persons wishing to see the inducements recently advertised by the merchants. Some one observes it is like seeing silver dollars in the road and not picking them up to go away from Marlinton without buying something.

—This is the best winter ever seen for sledding, and there never was more of it done. We noticed an ingenious device for preventing a sled from "sticking" when stopped, so that it is hard to be started again. The teamster in question had a round handspike which he put under the runners and stopped the sled on top of it. This destroyed the suction, and there was no trouble to start again.

—Friday night, returning from Marlinton school entertainment, the horse driven by Messrs. Henry and Darius Moore, became unmanageable at the battery between the bridge and the island. Their sleigh collided with the one occupied by Miss Minnie Tyler and her escort, Mr. Sam Sharp, of Frost. The latter was completely wrecked, but Miss Tyler was taken up by friends and reached home without special injury. Mr. Sharp took it horse-back to Edray parsonage. The other sleigh, slightly broken, was soon on the track again.

—It is no uncommon sight for the traveler to see a lonely wild turkey sail across the valley in front of him. The long-continued storm is making them scratch for a living. They eat buds and moss, and frequent warm springs where they can pick up gravel to digest their food. All fur animals are thriving, but great numbers of them are being caught. Mr. Davis, on William's River, captured an otter, which had a most beautiful pelt near six feet long. O. Jack, Esq., on Elk, has caught a number of foxes, and has been running some wildcats, as lambs will suffer in the spring if some are not caught. He says that there are more foxes this year than he has ever known before. A pack near Marlinton caught four one week, pulling one large red fox down in sight of the road near Aaron Kee's.

—An important suit was submitted to the Supreme Court, last week, from Randolph County. It was the case of Dewing & Sons vs. Col. E. Hutton and others. There were numerous briefs in the case, and the record contained 2100 pages and was bound into two volumes.

—A panther track was seen on Elk Mountain the other day. There is evidently an old panther hanging around these mountains, as it was seen near the foot of Elk last December. Some of the boys will come in missing some of these nights, and the panther will go home full.

—Mr. John Sydenstricker's school, on Elk, closed last Friday, with the usual proceedings. In the afternoon a great game of football took place, played on the snow crust. Near this school-house is a natural toboggan slide, which is in a fine state for sliding.

—On last Saturday, "it being ground-hog day for said county," the observers of "weather signs" watched and hoped for clouds all day enough to prevent the ground-hog from seeing his shadow. But the die was cast, and also the shadow, and we are in for six more weeks' rough weather.

—Get ready for sugar making, for many were left last year because they were not ready to work when the time came. There was only one good "sugar spell" last year. The trees are frozen enough this season to repay the trouble of getting ready.

—Mr. Harvey Maupin has been sorely troubled with boils on his arms, the past week. Some one, to console him, spoke of the proverbial valuation put upon the boil. He said that might be, but his cost seven dollars more than they had been worth to him, so far as he could make out.

—SAVED! What is saved? Time and money by buying your Carpets at 20c, former price 30c; Oil Carpet 25c former price 35c; Ladies Underwear 25 per cent. below usual price at P. GOLDEN'S.

—Capt. J. W. Marshall, of Mingo, slipped and fell, last week, hurting one hip bone most severely. The latest report says that he is rapidly recovering from the effects.

**Typhoid Fever in Webster.**

Typhoid fever is raging in that settlement lying on Elk River, immediately below the Pocahontas County line. Almost every body living in that valley has it. One whole family, named Sicafoos, numbering eight, are lying sick in one room, and the neighbors are afraid to come in and nurse them or provide them wood and other necessities this terrible weather. Dr. Cameron, of Linwood, is the attending physician, and has a ride of twenty miles to make to reach the settlement, to which there is really no road. How the disease got into this secluded retreat is a mystery, but it is supposed to have come from some cases on the river in Pocahontas, fifteen miles above. Several deaths have occurred.

**From the Pastor.**

A pleasant episode occurred at Pleasant Grove school-house, near Edray, last Sabbath evening. At the close of the services, largely attended, a young gentleman arose and suggested that the audience, mainly of young people, present the minister some testimonial of their appreciation of his efforts for their welfare. A handsome contribution was made, which is hereby gratefully acknowledged. Such action on the part of youth is cheering and encouraging to their ministerial friends, and significant of good. W. T. P.

**A Remarkable Rainbow.**

Last Monday was a rough day. It commenced by blowing and snowing, but got cold and clear before night. About an hour before sunset a beautiful rainbow appeared in the north-west extending about half way to the zenith. It was to be observed for half-hour by any one near Linwood, on Elk. The thermometer was at about zero, and there was a strong, swirling wind which was lifting the snow in columns, like dust in a summer whirlwind. The various colors of this rainbow were as distinctly outlined as any to be seen in the summer.

**Maj. James H. Stratton Dead.**

LEWISBURG, W. VA., February 3, 1895.—Maj. James H. Stratton, the well-known hotel keeper, of this place, died yesterday morning, after a short illness. He was a retired steambot captain, and has lived in Lewisburg for some years. His funeral will take place from the Presbyterian church to-morrow.

**TRIED TO BREAK JAIL.**

Alex. Armstrong would have Left His Warm Warm Cot.

HUNTERSVILLE, W. VA., Feb. 6, 1895.—Alex. Armstrong, lying in jail at this place to answer a charge of burglary, attempted to escape from the jail last night. By aid of a lamp and kerosene oil, they burned a hole through a four inch oak partition, the wall of their cell in the second story, into an adjoining cell which was unoccupied. By chance the empty cell was locked. This prevented their escape. Armstrong had been separated from his confederate, Cumberland, and placed with a negro charged with rape. Cumberland thinking that the jail was on fire aroused the town with his yells. The negroes will be taken to the new jail at Marlinton this evening.

**Personal.**

J. C. Price, Esq., of Clover Creek, was here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of their marriage, on Tuesday.

Guy Slaven, formerly of this county, has been lying ill in the west. For awhile his life was despaired of, but the latest news from the daily letters received by friends here, is that he is better.

The school closed last Friday. The examinations were searching, and many of the pupils made a gratifying exhibit. Messrs. McLaughlin and Wysock are to be commended for their close and faithful attention to their duties.

Mr. Joe Loury, Jr., and Paul Crummet, of Huntersville, paid this office a very acceptable visit, last Thursday, and called on many other friends.

Mr. J. H. Buzzard, of the eastern part of this county, was in Marlinton, Thursday, and seems full of business.

One of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell's children is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Nannie Lindsay (nee McClure) has returned to her home in Indiana. She was accompanied by her father, Mr. James McClure, as far as Beverly.

Mrs. Dr. Ligon, of Clover Lick, was the guest of Mrs. Holt, last Friday night.

Mrs. E. I. Holt, of Hillsboro, is visiting her friends at Marlinton.

Miss Mattie Welch has returned from a long visit to her parental home near Mingo.

E. H. Moore, of E. H. Moore & Co., of Academy, was here on Monday. He accompanied Miss Josie Walker, who was returning to Lynchburg Va., having closed her school at Dunmore. —*Ronconverte News.*

F. J. Snyder, Esq., started for the Soldiers Home at Richmond, Va., last Friday.

**Dilley's Mill.**

(DELAYED.)

Mr. Hicks' prophecies, are being fulfilled by this weather, but we hope the worst is over. Feed may be scarce, but we think there will be a supply in this vicinity.

Mr. J. W. Grimes, is at home again after teaching a most successful school on Slaty Fork.

Miss Lulla Auldridge, of Swago, is attending school at Mt. Zion. Miss Nora Sharp, of Elk, intends attending the same school.

The celebration (or anniversary) night on Brown's Creek was much enjoyed by some of our young people especially those who tapped the keg of "Logger beer," and as sugar was not protected, each suffered from an extravagant hand. The popularity of the former, and the superiority of the latter made a very palatable drink.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**

John F. Wanlass, while fixing a cattle shed on his farm was seriously hurt, by its suddenly falling crushing him to the earth. He was taken up by his friends who thought at the time that life was extinct, but was resuscitated. He is still suffering from bruises received.

**ABOUT MUSIC.**

We learn that Prof. Miller is teaching a singing school at Frost. We are glad to hear of the good work going on, for it is needed in our county. A winter's evening cannot be spent more pleasantly. Prof. Miller advocates the very kind of music we need in this mountain country, and that is character notes. We admit that the round notes are all right for those that have nothing else to do—only to bow wowed over them. So we say to the Professor, go on, and your system of character notes will take our people by storm. ANONYMOUS

**Hillsboro.**

Last Saturday the Sun broke through the heavy wintery clouds that obscured him, and flooded the earth with his golden light. As it was ground-hog day, that little weather prognosticator (if he was out) could not keep from seeing his shadow. Therefore all ground hog believers tell us winter will continue its icy reign for six weeks longer. With due respect to the ground-hog, and his backers, we don't believe it.

**COLD DAY FOR SNAKES.**

Mr. Geo. Clark while looking in his well one day last week, saw what he thought to be a small piece of rope lying on the water; after a closer inspection however he found that it dodged about too much for a piece of rope. He put down his bucket and succeeded in getting the strange looking object into it, and when he pulled it up he found that he had a pretty good sized snake, of the garter species. He threw it out on the snow, and he said, in about three minutes it became so numbed with cold that he "could stick it right up in the snow, like a rod of iron."

**A HARD NUT.**

One Henry James who was lodged in jail some time during last March, on a charge of rape, and tried and acquitted at the June court, has gotten into trouble again. Mr. Nick McCoy was a witness for the plaintiff in the case mentioned, and some statements he made so incensed Jones, that he threatened to burn him out. He also, made like threats against other parties in the neighborhood. Mr. McCoy hearing of it, at once took steps to have him arrested, when he told him if he would let him off he would leave the country and never return; he was released on that promise, and went away. Last week he returned, having been gone for about eight months. Mr. McCoy was apprised of his being in the neighborhood again, and on last Saturday morning when passing through Mr. F. A. Benick's place on business, accidentally ran across him; Jones took to his heels, and Mr. McCoy put a savage dog he had with him, after him, and in a short time he was safely perched on a fence nearby, Mr. McCoy unarmed approached him, and told him to surrender. Jones who had a gun, at first dissented, but seeing Mr. McCoy's determined manner, concluded to give himself up. He was taken before Squire Bruffey near Lobelia. We haven't learned as yet how Mr. Bruffey disposed of the case.

**OTHER ITEMS.**

Miss R. F. Clark has secured a school, at Logan C. H. this State, and will start for that place on the 5th. We wish her much success in her new surroundings.

In the near future Mr. Wm. H. Overholt is going to put up a planer near what is known as the Miller Ford, on the east side of the Greenbrier River. He has a large lot of timber there that he proposes to saw and plane on the ground, and the raft on the river to Ronconverte for shipment.

Another cold Sunday, with the mercury down to 18° below zero.

On last Monday morning a child was born to Mrs. Joseph McNeil, which lived but a few hours.

"JENKINS."

**Green Bank.**

We are having fine winters so far. On last Sunday morning the thermometer was down to 16 degrees below zero.

Mr. Harvy Curry and wife spent last week visiting in our village. Mrs. Curry can not walk at all and has to be carried on her rolling chair from house to house but when in the house she can go from one room to another without help.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Oliver a fine girl. George wears a new hat now.

Mr. Walker Yeager of Huntersville was in our villa last, Saturday evening.

Mr. Jake Beard, of Academy, was in town Monday.

Justice W. H. Grose, of Huntersville, and Mr. P. D. Arbogast, of Traveler's Repose, were in Green Bank last Saturday.

Mr. Napoleon Bonaparte Arbogast, of Traveler's Repose, was visiting in this neighborhood last week.

Rev. C. M. Fultz is holding protracted services at the Pine Grove school house.

Rev. C. L. Potter will preach at this place next Sunday at 11 A. M., and at Traveler's Repose at 4 P. M.

**Lobelia.**

Still cold and freezing. Mrs. Vaughn is very low with rheumatism. The sick generally are all up.

Geo. Kinnison is hauling logs to the saw mill, and he talks of building a new house.

Feed is getting scarce in this part, but there is plenty of grain. Some of the people are preparing to make sugar.

The turkeys are coming in from the mountains, and a stray bullet may light on one.

B. Hill caught another red fox, making three for him.

**AN UNFORTUNATE DEER.**

Tom Vaughn found a deer, dead, with its feet sticking through the fence. It was on a hill side, and the deer must have slid there on the snow crust, and could not get out again.

**DOCTOR WANTED.**

We think that some young physician would do well to locate in this section. We have from 75 to 100 families on this side of the mountain.

**A RANDOLPH COUNTY ITEM.**

We have been personally informed that Hon. S. B. Ekins has pensioned the young man whom his son accidentally shot, while hunting together last fall. His name is Currence. Mr. Ekins paid the doctor bill to the amount of \$500, and other expenses, and pays him \$50 per year as long as he lives. Not such a bad man after all. OBSERVER.

**Clover Lick.**

News is scarce this week; nothing of much importance.

The people are generally well. Mr. S. B. Hannah, of Green Bank, was over the other day.

John E. Showalter, and Howard Meeks, are visiting relatives in Highland county.

Hanson Carpenter, the gentleman who slid down the hillside not long since, to see his brother-in-law, Clark McCloud, says, this is the first time he has been able to be out since. He is about well.

Jas. McLaughlin, late of this county, son of Geo. McLaughlin, is in Kansas, and doing well. So a letter informs us.

Geo. Pringley, of Randolph county, who has been ill with fever, is much better. He has been in bed eight weeks.

The ground has been white with snow for 43 days, and weather cold in accordance. Feed is a going to be scarce.

This is ground-hog day, and we don't think the ground hog will see his shadow, thank goodness.

What has become of the overseer of this road? Snow-drifts, trees, and rocks, are all in the road, which is all but impassable. We came near getting our horse crippled the other day.

**PUMPKINHEAD**

**Dunmore.**

This is good ground hog weather, if he comes out of his hole this winter he will freeze sure. Sunday morning the thermometer got to 20° below the cold place.

Miss Bessie Patterson closed her school at Cross Road, last Saturday.

Several people from Marlinton, attended the hop at Green Bank Monday night. A large turn out, and a good time prevailed.

Mr. A. B. Bayburn, is at home, and Mr. Robt Beals is up on a visit.

His honor, W. H. Grose, is spending several days in the Green Bank district.

Mr. W. J. Yeager's sleighbells jingled about town Sunday.

Mrs. George W. Siple is visiting here this week.

Messrs. B. F. McElwee and Thomas Barnett are engaged in the fur business this winter. Lord Chesterfield says they make a specialty of cat fur.

Mr. Wash Oliver is hauling lumber this week for the mill.

S. R. Kerr, was to Mill Point last week for a load of flour for McElwee & Moore.

Rev. John A. Taylor is off for Ronceverte this week for nails to build arks, for Dixon and O'Connell.

Some of our sick are improving. C. B. Swecker is laid up with neuralgia.

Mr. B. F. McElwee and wife are off on a trip to Marlinton.

Rev. S. L. Potter, is holding a protracted meeting this week. PETER TICKLE BRITCHES.